

Stormwater Management Program

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Certification

Authorized Representative: The Town of Maynard's Select Board has designated Gregory W. Johnson, Town Administrator, as an authorized representative to sign MS4 reports. Gregory W. Johnson is designated as an authorized person for signing all reports including but not limited to the stormwater management plan, stormwater pollution prevention plans, inspection reports, annual reports, monitoring reports, reports on training, and other information required by the MS4 Permit. The authorization letter, dated March 27, 2019, is provided in Appendix A.

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

Date: $\frac{9/2/21}{}$

Gregory W. Johnson, Town Administrator

Signature:

Background

Regulatory Context

Under the Clean Water Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the Stormwater Phase II Final Rule in 1999 as part of its efforts to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted stormwater runoff. Under the Phase II rule, operators of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) with stormwater discharges from census-designated Urbanized Area are required to seek permit coverage for those stormwater discharges.

On May 1, 2003, EPA Region 1 issued Massachusetts' first General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (2003 MS4 Permit), consistent with the Phase II rule. The 2003 MS4 Permit remained in effect until operators became authorized under the 2016 MS4 Permit, which became effective on July 1, 2018.

Maynard has been implementing a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) since receiving Authorization to Discharge under the 2003 MS4 Permit. Maynard has prepared this updated SWMP to comply with new requirements within the 2016 MS4 Permit and to reflect improvements that Maynard has made to its program over the past several years.

Town of Maynard MS4

Maynard is a small suburban town in Middlesex County, bordering the towns of Acton, Concord, Stow, and Sudbury. With a population of approximately 10,750, according to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, Maynard is a diverse community with a mix of residential and commercial land uses and an abundance of open spaces, including local parks, Maynard Golf Course, the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, and historic Glenwood Cemetery. The Assabet River flows through Maynard and has shaped much of the Town's development.

Stormwater runoff in Maynard flows through the Town's storm drains to the Assabet River, Taylor Brook, Second Division Brook, Pratt's Brook, and Puffer's Pond, along with upstream wetlands. The land and water bodies of Maynard, combined with the land and water bodies from surrounding towns, make up the Sudbury-Assabet-Concord Watershed, or SuAsCo for short. The SuAsCo Watershed consists of a large network of tributaries that flow into the Merrimack River. The three major rivers that flow through the watershed – the Sudbury, the Assabet, and the Concord – have been recognized for their outstanding ecological, historical, and recreational values.

Maynard Department of Public Works (DPW) manages the Town's storm drainage system, also known as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). DPW consists of the Highway, Cemetery, Water, and Sewer Divisions, and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Together, all divisions maintain the roadways, parks, cemetery, and water and sewer infrastructure throughout the Town. Maynard's Conservation Commission and Conservation Division work to protect the natural resources of Maynard by administering the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, Maynard Wetlands Bylaw, Maynard Stormwater Management Bylaw, and Maynard Stormwater Management Regulations. The Planning Division supports the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals with enforcement of Maynard Zoning By-Laws, and leads community planning, preservation, and economic development initiatives.

Requirements in the MS4 Permit apply to Maynard's municipal storm drain system, including catch basins, stormwater pipes, swales, ditches, and stormwater treatment facilities like infiltration trenches and oil/grit separators, as well as Town-owned roads and properties where stormwater runoff and pollutants are generated. The MS4 permit applies only to areas categorized as "urbanized", based on the 2010 census. For Maynard, the only area excluded from coverage is the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge, which is owned by the Federal government and is undeveloped. Maynard's MS4 Regulated Area map is provided in Appendix B.

Stormwater Management Program (SWMP)

The SWMP describes the activities and measures, or best management practices (BMPs), that Maynard will implement to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. The SWMP is intended to be a "living document", which Maynard will update and/or modify during the permit term as new information is developed or Maynard's activities are modified, changed, or updated to meet permit conditions. Maynard will assess the need for SWMP updates as part of the Annual Evaluation to be completed, along with the Annual Report, by the end of September each year. Permit years referenced in the SWMP correspond to fiscal years, beginning with fiscal year 2019 (permit year 1).

The SWMP is organized by minimum control measures (MCMs) and additional BMPs for discharges to water quality limited waterbodies.

- MCM 1: A public education program aiming to affect public behavior causing stormwater pollution,
- MCM 2: An opportunity for the public to participate and provide comments on the stormwater program,
- MCM 3: A program to effectively find and eliminate illicit discharges within the MS4,
- MCM 4: A program to effectively control construction site stormwater discharges to the MS4,
- MCM 5: A program to ensure that stormwater from development projects entering the MS4 is adequately controlled by the construction of stormwater controls, and
- MCM 6: A good housekeeping program to ensure that stormwater pollution sources on municipal properties and from municipal operations are minimized.

<u>TMDLs and Water Quality Impairments</u>: Enhanced and additional BMPs to reduce pollutants of concern discharging to waterbodies with water quality impairments and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) related to urban stormwater runoff.

Small MS4 Authorization

Maynard submitted its Notice of Intent (NOI) on September 26, 2018. EPA granted Authorization to Discharge on June 4, 2019. Maynard's NOI and Authorization Letter can be found at the following web address:

https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/regulated-ms4-massachusetts-communities

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Receiving Waters

The following table lists all receiving waters, impairments, and number of outfalls discharging to each waterbody segment. A map of Maynard's outfalls and receiving water bodies is provided at https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/ms4-outfall-map-20180920.pdf.

Waterbody segment that receives flow from the MS4	Number of outfalls into receiving water segment	Chloride	Chlorophyll-a	Dissolved Oxygen/ DO Saturation	Nitrogen	Oil & Grease/PAH	Phosphorus	Solids/TSS/Turbidity	E. Coli	Enterococcus	Other pollutant(s) causing impairments
Assabet River (MA82B-05) and upstream wetlands	74			√			✓		✓		Debris/Floatables/Trash, Non-Native Aquatic Plants, Aquatic Plants (Macrophytes), Excess Algal Growth, Fecal Coliform, Nutrient/Eutrophication Biological Indicators, Taste and Odor
Assabet River (MA82B-06) and upstream wetlands	21			√			√				Debris/Floatables/Trash, Non-Native Aquatic Plants, Aquatic Plants (Macrophytes), Excess Algal Growth, Other, Taste and Odor, Temperature
Taylor Brook (MA82B-08) and upstream wetlands	11										N/A
Second Division Brook (MA82B-09) and upstream wetlands	2								_		N/A
Puffers Pond (MA82092) and upstream wetlands	11										Mercury in Fish Tissue
Pratts Brook and upstream wetlands	13										N/A

Eligibility: Endangered Species and Historic Properties

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Eligibility Determination

Maynard has completed the ESA eligibility process outlined in the MS4 Permit Appendix C. According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool, Maynard contains potential habitat for the Northern Long-eared Bat, which is listed as a threatened species. The IPaC printout is provided in Appendix C.

Maynard has determined that the stormwater discharges and discharge related activities will have no effect on any federally threatened or endangered listed species or designated critical habitat under jurisdiction of the USFWS. If, during the course of the permit term, Maynard plans to install a structural BMP not identified in the NOI, Maynard will conduct an endangered species screening for the proposed site and will contact the USFWS if Maynard determines that the new activity "may affect" or is "not likely to adversely affect" listed species or critical habitat under jurisdiction of the USFWS.

In accordance with the ESA eligibility process outlined in the MS4 Permit Appendix C, Maynard certifies permit eligibility with the ESA under **Criterion C**.

<u>USFWS Criterion C</u>: Using the best scientific and commercial data available, the effect of the stormwater discharge and discharge related activities on listed species and critical habitat have been evaluated. Based on those evaluations, a determination is made by EPA, or by the applicant and affirmed by EPA, that the stormwater discharges and discharge related activities will have "no effect" on any federally threatened or endangered listed species or designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the USFWS.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Eligibility Determination

Maynard has completed the NHPA eligibility process outlined in the MS4 Permit Appendix D. Maynard is an existing facility authorized to discharge under the 2003 MS4 permit. Maynard's discharge and discharge-related activities do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

In accordance with the NHPA eligibility process outlined in the MS4 Permit Appendix D, Maynard certifies permit eligibility with the ESA under **Criterion A**.

NHPA Criterion A: The discharges do not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

MCM 1 Public Education and Outreach

Permit Part 2.3.2

Objective

The objective of Maynard's public education and outreach program is to increase awareness and influence behavior of the public so that stormwater pollutants are reduced.

Program Overview

The MS4 Permit specifies that the public education program should include distribution of at least two educational messages to each target audience during the 5-year permit term. Additional messages are required for specific water quality impairments, as described in the TMDLs and Water Quality Limited Waters section of the SWMP. Maynard's educational messages focus on the pollutants most likely to be generated in Maynard and to impact Maynard's waterbodies:

- Trash,
- Sediment,
- Dog waste,
- Fertilizer,
- Leaf litter, and
- · Grass clippings.

The MS4 Permit identifies four target audiences: residents, businesses, developers, and industrial facilities. Maynard does not contain industrial facilities; therefore, Maynard's public education program does not include messages to industrial facilities.

Maynard will distribute educational messages through a range of forums, selected to best reach each target audience. Each public education BMP has a measurable goal, which Maynard will assess annually to ensure that educational messages are reaching target audiences effectively. The following table summarizes the educational messages, target audiences, and distribution schedule.

ВМР	Target Audience	Target Audience Schedule by Permit Yea (Fiscal Year)					
		1 (FY19)	2 (FY20)	3 (FY21)	4 (FY22)	5 (FY23)	
1-1: Stormwater Management Webpage	Residents, Businesses, Developers	х	х	х	x	х	
1-2: Think Blue Massachusetts Advertising Campaign	Residents, Businesses, Developers	х					
1-3: Stormwater Display and Handouts at Town Meeting	Residents	х					
1-4: Stormwater and LID Fact Sheets	Developers		Х	Х	Х	Х	
1-5: Outreach to Maynard Business Alliance	Businesses			Х			
1-6: Septic System Fact Sheet	Residents/septic system owners		х	х	х	х	
1-7: Dog Owner Education	Residents	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
1-8: Spring Message about Grass Clippings and Fertilizer	Residents, Businesses, Developers	х	х	х	х	х	
1-9: Summer Message about Dog Waste Management	Residents	х	х	х	х	х	
1-10: Fall Message about Leaf Litter	Residents	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	

BMP 1-1: Stormwater Management Webpage

Description:

Maynard will create a Stormwater Management page on the Town's DPW website. The webpage will include information for the general public on the following topics:

- What is stormwater and why does it matter,
- Maynard's watershed and waterbodies,
- Maynard's stormwater management program,
- What the public can do to help.

DPW will update the webpage each year with newly developed educational materials. In addition, Conservation Division will add a redirect link to their webpage to better integrate efforts by the Conservation Commission and DPW to address stormwater concerns in the Town.

The website address is: https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/dpw/stormwater-management/

Targeted Audience(s):

Residents, Businesses, Developers

Responsible Department/Parties:

- Public Works
- Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

Page views

BMP 1-2: Think Blue Massachusetts Advertising Campaign

Description:

Think Blue Massachusetts (https://www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org/) ran an advertising campaign on behalf of MS4 communities from May 31 to June 25, 2018. The "Fowl Water" advertisement, targeting MA urban residents, aimed to help viewers visualize stormwater pollution from motor oil, pet waste, and trash. Think Blue targeted outreach to Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) stormwater coalition communities. Results of the advertising campaign can be found at:

 $\frac{https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/e78125\ 9f2d25e33d5b47c299a5edacdce6f23a.docx?dn=TOC-TBM-Minuteman-Regional-Campaign-Report-06252018.docx.$

Maynard will amplify the "Fowl Water" message by adding Think Blue Massachusetts links on Maynard DPW's stormwater management webpage (BMP 1-1).

Targeted Audience(s):

Residents, Businesses, Developers

Responsible Department/Parties:

> Massachusetts Statewide Stormwater Coalition

Measurable Goal(s):

Views in MAGIC region

BMP 1-3: Stormwater Display and Handouts at Town Meeting

Description:

During Permit Year 1, Maynard will display a stormwater education poster and will distribute Think Blue brochures at the spring Town Meeting. The goal of outreach to Town Meeting members is to raise general awareness about the MS4 permit and stormwater pollution prevention.

Targeted Audience(s):

Residents

Responsible Department/Parties:

Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

> Number of pamphlets distributed at Town Meeting

BMP 1-4: Stormwater and LID Fact Sheets

Description:

Starting in Permit Year 2, Maynard Planning Division will distribute stormwater management and low-impact development (LID) fact sheets at pre-application review meetings.

Targeted Audience(s):

Developers

Responsible Department/Parties:

Planning

Measurable Goal(s):

> Number of pre-application review meetings at which fact sheets were distributed

BMP 1-5: Outreach to Maynard Business Alliance

Description:

In Permit Year 4, Maynard Planning and Conservation Divisions will send fact sheets to the Maynard Business Alliance mailing list to educate business owners about stormwater management and pollution prevention.

Targeted Audience:

Businesses

Responsible Department/Parties:

- Planning
- Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

> Number of business owners reached

BMP 1-6: Septic System Maintenance Fact Sheet

Description:

During Permit Year 1, Maynard Board of Health and DPW will develop a list of properties in Maynard that use septic systems. In Permit Year 2, Maynard Board of Health will mail a fact sheet about septic system maintenance to each property owner on that list.

Targeted Audience:

Residents/Septic system owners

Responsible Department/Parties:

- Health
- Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Number of septic system owners contacted

BMP 1-7: Dog Owner Education

Description:

All dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed in Maynard. Starting in Permit Year 1, the Town Clerk will distribute a fact sheet about pet waste management to dog owners seeking or renewing dog licenses.

Targeted Audience:

Residents/dog owners

Responsible Department/Parties:

> Town Clerk

Measurable Goal(s):

Number of fact sheets distributed

BMP 1-8: Spring Message about Grass Clippings and Fertilizer

Description:

DPW will post educational information on social media and/or on the Town Administrator Blog about best practices for grass clippings and fertilizer. This notice will be posted in spring, when the Town collects yard waste. The Town will also utilize their reverse 911 system to notify residents about yard waste pickup dates.

Targeted Audience(s):

Residents

Responsible Department/Parties:

> Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

- > Dates of reverse 911 calls
- Page views (for website posts)
- > Shares, likes, and comments for social media posts

BMP 1-9: Summer Message about Dog Waste Management

Description:

DPW will post a dog waste management message on social media and/or on the Town Administrator Blog in the late spring or early summer each year. In addition, DPW will reach out to MayDog, Maynard's dog owners' group, to educate members about dog waste management and stormwater pollution prevention.

Targeted Audience(s):

Residents

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

- > Page views for website posts
- > Shares, likes, and comments for social media posts
- > Date and number of participants for MayDog outreach

BMP 1-10: Fall Message about Leaf Litter

Description:

DPW will post educational information on social media and/or on the Town Administrator Blog about best practices for leaf litter management. This notice will be posted in fall, when the Town collects yard waste. The notice will include information on the dates of yard waste pickup. The Town will also utilize their reverse 911 system to notify residents about yard waste pickup dates.

Targeted Audience(s):

Residents

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

- > Dates of reverse 911 calls
- > Page views for website posts
- > Shares, likes, and comments for social media posts

MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation

Permit Part 2.3.3

Objective

Maynard's objective for its Public Involvement and Participation program is to engage the public in review and implementation of the SWMP and in environmental stewardship opportunities.

Program Overview

The following table summarizes the public involvement and participation BMPs and schedule.

ВМР	Schedule by Permit Year (Fiscal Year)				
	1 (FY19)	2 (FY20)	3 (FY21)	4 (FY22)	5 (FY23)
2-1: Public Review of SWMP	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
2-2: Assabet River Cleanups	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
2-3: Litter League Cleanups	х	х	х	х	х
2-4: Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Х	Х	х	Х	Х

BMP 2-1: Public Review of Stormwater Management Program

Description:

Maynard will post its SWMP online to allow for ongoing public review. When a new version of the SWMP becomes available, Maynard will post on social media and/or Town Administrator blog to notify the public that the SWMP is available for review. Maynard will provide an email link on the website to allow the public to submit their comments. The SWMP will be posted at: https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/dpw/stormwater-management/

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Post SWMP online

BMP 2-2: Assabet River Cleanups

Description:

Maynard will continue to partner with OARS and volunteers to host the annual Assabet River Cleanup. The Assabet River Cleanup gives residents the chance to help clean the Assabet River and its tributaries. DPW publicizes and provides trash removal for the event. Volunteers typically include individuals and teams from local businesses, civic associations, scout troops, and high schools. The event page is located at: http://oars3rivers.org/event/cleanup

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Event dates and number of participants

BMP 2-3: Litter League Cleanups

Description:

DPW will continue to provide trash removal for Maynard Litter League, Green Maynard, and Scouts cleanup events.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Event date and number of participants

BMP 2-4: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Description:

DPW will continue to provide a household hazardous waste collection day annually and provide information to residents about other hazardous waste collections. In addition to the Maynard event, Maynard residents may bring their household hazardous waste to collection events in neighboring towns or directly to the Minuteman Hazardous Products Regional Facility in Lexington. More information is available at: https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/dpw/household-hazardous-waste-disposal/

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

- > Event date and number of participants
- Information posted on DPW website

MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program

Permit Part 2.3.4

Objective

Maynard's objective for the IDDE program to systematically find and eliminate illicit sources of non-stormwater discharges to its MS4 and to prevent such discharges.

Program Overview

The following table summarizes Maynard's IDDE BMPs and schedule.

ВМР	Schedule by Permit Year (Fiscal Year)								
	1 (FY19)	2 (FY20)	3 (FY21)	4 (FY22)	5 (FY23)				
3-1: Illicit Discharge Bylaw	Х	Х	х	Х	Х				
3-2: Written IDDE Program	Complete written document	x	x	х	x				
3-3: Sanitary Sewer Overflow Inventory	Initial inventory	х	Х	х	Х				
3-4: Storm Sewer System Mapping	х	Complete Phase I map	Х	х	х				
3-5: Employee Training	Х	Х	х	Х	Х				
3-6: Dry Weather Outfall Screening		x	x						
3-7: Catchment Investigation				Х	х				
3-8: Wet Weather Screening				х	х				
3-9: Ongoing Screening (beyond permit term)									

BMP 3-1: Illicit Discharge Bylaw

Description:

DPW will continue to enforce the Storm Drain System Bylaw, which prohibits illicit discharges to Maynard's MS4 and establishes notification and enforcement procedures.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Track enforcement actions

BMP 3-2: Written IDDE Program

Description:

Maynard will develop a written IDDE program, building upon its existing IDDE procedures and bylaw. The plan will include:

- Maynard's illicit discharge bylaw
- Roles and responsibilities
- Sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) inventory
- Assessment and priority ranking of outfalls/interconnections
- Dry weather outfall screening and sampling procedures
- Catchment investigation procedures
- Wet weather sampling procedures
- Training
- Reporting

Maynard will complete initial outfall assessment and ranking during Permit Year 1, using available data, and will update the ranking annually as new data become available through GIS mapping, outfall inspections, and catchment investigations. Outfalls will be categorized as Problem, High Priority, Low Priority, or Excluded, as defined in the MS4 Permit at Part 2.3.4.7. Outfalls discharging to waterbodies impaired for or with a TMDL for bacteria or pathogens, as described in the TMDL/Impairment section of the SWMP, will be categorized as Problem or High Priority.

Maynard will update the IDDE Program annually and will post the IDDE Program at: https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/dpw/stormwater-management/

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete within 1 year of permit effective date (by June 30, 2019) and update annually

BMP 3-3: Sanitary Sewer Overflow Inventory

Description:

During Permit Year 1, Maynard will develop an inventory of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) that have occurred in Maynard over the past 5 years. An SSO is a discharge of untreated sanitary wastewater from a municipal sanitary sewer. Maynard will update the SSO inventory annually and will include the SSO inventory in the written IDDE program (BMP 3-2).

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete within 1 year of permit effective date (by June 30, 2019) and update annually thereafter

BMP 3-4: Storm Sewer System Map

Description:

Maynard will incrementally build upon and refine GIS mapping of its stormwater system during IDDE program implementation. The map will be included in Maynard's written IDDE program (BMP 3-2).

The Phase I map, scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2020, will include:

- Outfalls
- Open channel conveyances (swales, ditches, etc.)
- Interconnections with other MS4s and other storm sewer systems
- Town-owned stormwater treatment structures (e.g., detention basins, infiltration systems, bioretention areas, water quality swales, gross particle separators, oil/grit separators)
- Waterbodies identified by name and indication of all use impairments as identified on the most recent EPAapproved Massachusetts Integrated List of Waters report
- Initial catchment delineations. A catchment is the area that drains to an individual outfall or interconnection.
- Surface public drinking water supplies, watersheds, and protection zones

The Phase II map, scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2028, will include:

- Outfall spatial location (latitude and longitude with a minimum accuracy of +/-30 feet)
- Pipes
- Manholes
- Catch basins
- Refined catchment delineations. Catchment delineations will be updated to reflect information collected during catchment investigations
- Municipal sanitary sewer system
- Municipal combined sewer system (if applicable)

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Complete the Phase I map by the end of Permit Year 2 (by June 30, 2020). Update of Phase II map within 10 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2028).

BMP 3-5: Employee Training

Description:

Maynard will train DPW employees annually on the IDDE Program, including how to recognize and respond to illicit discharges and SSOs. During Permit Year 1, Maynard will conduct a training workshop to educate DPW field crews on stormwater basics, MS4 permit, what is an illicit discharge, and municipal pollution prevention. In future permit years, the IDDE training may focus in more detail on more specific topics.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Date, type, and number of attendees for annual training

BMP 3-6: Dry Weather Outfall Screening

Description:

Maynard has conducted dry weather screening in accordance with outfall screening procedures and permit conditions to identify illicit contributions to the system. Procedures for and findings from dry weather outfall screening are documented in the written IDDE Program (BMP 3-2). Maynard has almost completed dry weather screening of all outfalls included in the IDDE program, except 15 that will be located using as-builts in September 2021.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

➤ Complete within 3 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2021)

BMP 3-7: Catchment Investigation

Description:

Maynard will implement catchment investigations according to program and permit conditions. Procedures for and findings from catchment investigations will be documented in the written IDDE Program (BMP 3-2). Maynard will complete catchment investigations by June 30, 2028.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Complete within 10 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2028)

BMP 3-8: Wet Weather Screening

Description:

Maynard will conduct wet weather screening in accordance with outfall screening procedure to identify illicit discharges to its MS4. Procedures for and findings from wet weather screening will be documented in the written IDDE Program (BMP 3-2). Maynard will complete wet weather screening by June 30, 2028.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete within 10 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2028)

BMP 3-9: Ongoing Screening

Description:

After completion of BMPs 3-6, 3-7, and 3-8, Maynard will continue dry weather and wet weather screening as

necessary to identify and eliminate illicit discharges. Each outfall and interconnection will be re-prioritized for screening and scheduled for ongoing screening once every five (5) years upon completion of all catchment investigations and illicit discharge removal and confirmation (if necessary).

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Continue ongoing outfall screening upon completion of IDDE program

MCM 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

Permit Part 2.3.5

Objective

Maynard's objective for its construction stormwater runoff control program is to minimize or eliminate erosion and maintain sediment on site so that it is not transported in stormwater and allowed to discharge to a water of the U.S. through Maynard's MS4.

Program Overview

The following table summarizes Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control BMPs and schedule.

ВМР	Schedule by Permit Year (Fiscal Year)					
	1 (FY19)	2 (FY20)	3 (FY21)	4 (FY22)	5 (FY23)	
4-1: Construction Stormwater Management Bylaw	х	х	х	x	х	
4-2: Site Inspection and Enforcement	х					
Procedures						
4-3: Site Plan Review	х					

BMP 4-1: Construction Stormwater Management Bylaw

Description:

Maynard has updated and will continue to enforce the Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations, requiring an erosion and sediment control plan and construction waste management on projects disturbing 10,000 square feet or more of land. The Bylaw and Regulations are available on Maynard Conservation Division's website at: https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/municipal-services/conservation/.

Maynard's Stormwater Management Regulations currently require stormwater management practices that meet the standards of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy and Massachusetts Stormwater Management Handbook Volumes I and II. With references to these standards and local site conditions, the regulations specify that applicants must develop and implement a plan to control construction-related impacts including erosion, sedimentation, and other pollutant sources during construction and land disturbance activities (construction period erosion, sedimentation, and pollution prevention plan). The Plan must also include measures to properly manage on-site construction and waste materials, which include "excess or discarded building or site materials, including but not limited to concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at a construction site that may adversely impact water quality." Maynard will continue to require and enforce these requirements.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

> Continue to implement Stormwater Management Bylaw

BMP 4-2: Site Inspection and Enforcement Procedures

Description:

Maynard's Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations include requirements and enforcement provisions for construction-site inspections, as follows:

Permittee Erosion and Sediment Control Inspections. The Applicant or his/her agent shall conduct and document inspections of all [erosion and sediment] control measures no less than weekly or as specified in the Permit, and prior to and following anticipated storm events. The purpose of such inspections will be to determine the overall effectiveness of the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. The Applicant or his/her agent shall submit monthly reports to the Commission or designated agent in a format approved by the Commission.

The regulations also allow for enforcement by Maynard including the following:

7N. Enforcement. The Commission or its designated agent shall enforce these regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

- 1. Civil Relief. If a person violates the provisions of these regulations, a Stormwater Management Permit, notices, or Orders issued thereunder, the Commission may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.
- 2. Enforcement Orders. The Commission may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of these regulations, which may include requirements to:
 - a. Cease and desist from construction or land disturbing activity until there is compliance with these regulations and the Stormwater Management Permit;
 - b. Repair, maintain, or replace the stormwater management system or portions thereof in accordance with the operation and maintenance plan;
 - c. Maintain, install or perform additional erosion and sediment control measures;
 - d. Perform monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
 - e. Remediate adverse impact resulting directly or indirectly from malfunction of the stormwater management system or erosion and sediment control system;
 - f. Eliminate illicit connections and/or discharges to the MS4;
 - g. Cease and desist from unlawful discharges, practices, or operations; and/or,
 - h. Remediate contamination in connection therewith.

Maynard will continue to require and enforce construction-site stormwater management and site inspections. In addition, the Conservation Division will improve its database for tracking stormwater permits, enforcement, and inspections.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

- > Continue to require and enforce construction-site stormwater management and site inspections
- Complete improvements to tracking database for permits, enforcement, and inspections

BMP 4-3: Site Plan Review

Description:

Maynard has updated written procedures for site plan review. Maynard's Planning Board Rules and Regulations require site plan review, and Maynard's Stormwater Management Regulations require a Stormwater Management Site Plan. These regulations meet MS4 Permit requirements for "pre-construction review by the permittee of the site design, the planned operations at the construction site, planned BMPs during the construction phase, and the planned BMPs to be used to manage runoff created after development" and "procedures for the consideration of potential water quality impacts." Planning Board and Conservation Commission meetings provide means for public input and information to be received. These regulations also include inspections by the Conservation Division and Public Works or its agent during and after construction, as well as self-inspection by the developer.

Responsible Department/Parties:

- Planning
- > Conservation
- Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Continue to require site plan review

MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

Permit Part 2.3.6

Objective

Maynard's objective for its post-construction stormwater management program is to reduce the discharge of stormwater pollutants to its MS4 and receiving waterbodies. This is accomplished by retaining or treating stormwater runoff after construction on new or redeveloped sites, and by ensuring proper maintenance of installed stormwater controls.

Program Overview

The following table summarizes Post-Construction Stormwater Management BMPs and schedule.

ВМР		Schedule by Permit Year (Fiscal Year)							
	1 (FY19)	2 (FY20)	3 (FY21)	4 (FY22)	5 (FY23)	6 (FY24)			
5-1: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Bylaw	Х	Revisions	Х	Х	Х				
5-2: As-Built Plans	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х				
5-2: Target Properties to Reduce Impervious Areas				Х	Х				
5-3: Allow Green Infrastructure				Х	Х				
5-4: Street Design and Parking Lot Guidelines				Х	Х				
5-5: Demonstration Project Installation						Х			

BMP 5-1: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Bylaw

Description:

Maynard has updated and will continue to enforce the Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations, requiring post-construction stormwater management on projects disturbing 10,000 square feet or more of land.

The updated Bylaw and Regulations include a requirement that new development and redevelopment stormwater management BMPs be optimized for phosphorus removal.

The Bylaw and Regulations are available on Maynard Conservation Division's website at: https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/municipal-services/conservation/

Responsible Department/Parties:

Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

> Continue to implement Stormwater Management Bylaw

BMP 5-2: As-Built Plans for On-Site Stormwater Control

Description:

Maynard's Stormwater Management Bylaw regulations specify that the permittee must submit as-built record drawings of the Stormwater Management System upon project completion. Maynard will continue to collect as-built drawings as required of projects that receive a Stormwater Permit under the Stormwater Management Bylaw.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Conservation

Measurable Goal(s):

Continue to require as-built drawings

BMP 5-3: Target Properties to Reduce Impervious Areas

Description:

Maynard will identify at least five (5) Town-owned properties that could be modified or retrofitted with stormwater BMPs to reduce the frequency, volume, and pollutant loads of stormwater discharges to and from its MS4 through the reduction of impervious area. Maynard will prioritize properties with significant impervious cover that fall within areas discharging to waterbodies with phosphorus impairments and will optimize selected retrofits to remove phosphorus, as applicable. In determining the potential for modifying or retrofitting particular properties, Maynard will consider factors such as maintenance access; subsurface conditions; proximity to water supply, swimming beaches, and shellfish growing areas; and opportunities for public education.

Maynard will compile the list of potential retrofits, with five (5) prioritized sites, by the end of Permit Year 4. Beginning with the fifth annual report and in each subsequent annual report, Maynard will identify additional sites that could be retrofitted, to maintain a minimum of five (5) sites in the inventory. Maynard will report on all properties that have been modified or retrofitted with BMPs in each annual report.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Complete within 4 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2022) and report annually on retrofitted properties

BMP 5-4: Allow Green Infrastructure

Description:

Maynard will develop a report assessing existing local regulations to determine the feasibility of making, at a minimum, the following green infrastructure practices allowable when appropriate site conditions exist:

- Green roofs;
- Infiltration practices such as rain gardens, curb extensions, planter gardens, permeable pavements, and other designs to manage stormwater using landscaping and structured or augmented soils; and
- > Water harvesting devices such as rain barrels and cisterns, and the use of stormwater for non-potable uses.

The report will indicate if the practices are allowed in Maynard and under what circumstances. If the practices are not

allowed, Maynard will determine what hinders the use of these practices, what changes in local regulations may be made to make them allowable, and a schedule for implementation of recommendations. Maynard will implement the recommended changes and will report in each annual report on its findings and progress towards making the practices allowable.

Responsible Department/Parties:

- Planning
- > Engineering

Measurable Goal(s):

➤ Complete assessment within 4 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2022) and implement recommendations of report

BMP 5-5: Street Design and Parking Lot Guidelines

Description:

Maynard will review local street and parking lot design standards and other design guidelines that affect the creation of impervious cover. The assessment will help determine if changes to design standards can be made to support low impact design options, such as permeable paving and minimizing impervious surface. If the assessment indicates that changes can be made, the report will include recommendations and proposed schedules to incorporate policies and standards into relevant documents and procedures to minimize impervious cover attributable to parking areas and street designs. Maynard will implement recommendations, in accordance with the schedules contained in the assessment. Maynard will report in each annual report on the status of this assessment including any planned or completed changes to local regulations and guidelines.

Responsible Department/Parties:

- Planning
- Engineering

Measurable Goal(s):

➤ Complete assessment within 4 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2022) and implement recommendations of report

BMP 5-6: Demonstration Project Installation

Description:

Maynard will design and install a minimum of one structural BMP from the list identified in the Nutrient Source Identification Report (BMP 6-9). This structural BMP will be installed in a catchment with high nutrient load.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete within six years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2024)

MCM 6 Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations

Permit Part 2.3.7

Objective

The objective of Maynard's Good Housekeeping program is to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff from Town facilities and operations.

Program Overview

The following table summarizes Good Housekeeping BMPs and schedule.

ВМР	Schedule by Permit Year (Fiscal Year)				
	1 (FY19)	2 (FY20)	3 (FY21)	4 (FY22)	5 (FY23)
6-1: Facilities Inventory		Х			
6-2: Written Facilities O&M Plan		Х			
6-3: Written MS4 O&M Plan		х			
6-4: DPW Yard SWPPP		Х			
6-5: Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning	х	Х	х	X	х
6-6: Street and Parking Lot Sweeping	х	Х	Х	Х	Х
6-7: Winter Road Maintenance	х	Х	Х	Х	Х
6-8: Stormwater Treatment Facility Inspections	х	x	х	x	х
6-9: Nutrient Source Identification Report				Х	Х

BMP 6-1: Facilities Inventory

Description:

Maynard has developed and plans to maintain inventories of Town-owned parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, and vehicle and equipment storage and maintenance areas.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete inventory within 2 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2020) and update annually

BMP 6-2: Written Facilities & Equipment O&M Plan

Description:

Maynard has developed and will continue to implement written O&M procedures for parks and open spaces, buildings and facilities, and vehicle and equipment storage and maintenance. The O&M Plan includes pollution prevention practices specific to each category, as listed below, as well as measures to address phosphorus and bacteria loading to impaired waterbodies.

- 1) Parks and Open Space:
 - Use, storage, and disposal of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers
 - Lawn maintenance and landscaping
 - Pet waste collection and disposal location and signage
 - Waterfowl management
 - Trash container placement and cleanings
 - Erosion control and vegetative cover
- 2) Buildings and facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater runoff:
 - Use, storage, and disposal of petroleum products and other potential stormwater pollutants
 - Employee training
 - Spill prevention plans, if applicable
 - Management of dumpsters and other waste management equipment
 - Sweeping and cleaning around facilities
 - Septic system maintenance, where applicable
- 3) Vehicles and equipment
 - Vehicle storage
 - Management of vehicles with fluid leaks
 - Fueling areas
 - Vehicle wash waters

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete and implement within 2 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2020)

BMP 6-3: Written MS4 O&M Plan

Description:

Maynard has developed and will continue to implement a written program detailing the activities and procedures for maintenance of MS4 infrastructure so that the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 is minimized. The written O&M program includes catch basin cleaning (BMP 6-5), street and parking lot sweeping (BMP 6-6), winter road maintenance (BMP 6-7), and stormwater treatment system inspection (BMP 6-8).

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Complete within 2 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2020)

BMP 6-4: DPW Yard Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Description:

Maynard has developed and will continue to implement a facility Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Maynard DPW Yard (Highway Garage). The SWPPP includes the following elements:

Pollution prevention team

- Description of the facility and identification of potential pollutant sources
- Identification of stormwater controls
- Management practices to minimize or prevent exposure and clean exposed areas
- Preventative maintenance
- Spill prevention and response
- Erosion and sediment control
- Management of runoff
- Enclosure of salt storage piles or piles containing salt
- Employee training
- Maintenance of control measures
- Site inspections schedule and documentation

Maynard will develop the SWPPP by the end of Permit Year 2 and will maintain all records associated with the SWPPP.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Complete and implement within 2 years of permit effective date (by June 30, 2020)

BMP 6-5: Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning

Description:

Maynard has established a schedule for catch basin cleaning such that each catch basin is no more than 50% full and plans to clean catch basins according to that schedule. Catch basin inspection and cleaning procedures are included in the written MS4 O&M Plan (BMP 6-3). In summer of 2021, Maynard began the process of using mobile data collection to record information about catch basin inspections such as volume of material removed during cleaning. As part of the catch basin inspections, the contractor documents the amount of sediment accumulation within catch basin sump as less than half full, sump half full, or structure completely full. During Permit Year 4, Maynard will complete an optimization analysis to schedule routine inspections, cleaning, and maintenance of catch basins such that the following conditions are met:

- Prioritize inspection and maintenance for catch basins located near construction activities. Clean catch basins
 in such areas more frequently if inspection and maintenance activities indicate excessive sediment or debris
 loadings.
- Establish a schedule with a goal that the frequency of routine cleaning will ensure that no catch basin at any time will be more than 50 percent full.
- If a catch basin sump is more than 50 percent full during two consecutive routine inspections/cleaning events, document that finding, investigate the contributing drainage area for sources of excessive sediment loading, and to the extent practicable, abate contributing sources. Describe any actions taken in annual report.

Maynard will report in each annual report the total number of catch basins, number inspected, number cleaned, and the total volume or mass of material removed from all catch basins.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Clean catch basins on established schedule and report the number of catch basins inspected and cleaned, and the volume or mass of material removed annually

BMP 6-6: Street and Parking Lot Sweeping

Description:

Maynard will sweep all Town-owned streets and parking lots a minimum of twice per year (fall and spring). Maynard will also sweep more frequently in areas with land uses that generate higher sediment loading and/or where catch basin inspections indicate higher loading rates. Street sweeping procedures are included in the written MS4 O&M Plan (BMP 6-3).

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Sweep all streets and Town-owned parking lots twice per year

BMP 6-7: Road Salt Use Optimization Program

Description:

Maynard will implement written procedures for winter road maintenance, including the use and storage of salt and sand. These procedures are included in the written MS4 O&M Program (BMP 6-3). Maynard will minimize the use of sodium chloride and other salts and will evaluate opportunities for use of alternative materials. Maynard will also ensure that snow disposal activities do not result in disposal of snow into waterbodies or wetlands.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

> Implement salt use optimization during deicing season

BMP 6-8: Inspection and Maintenance of Stormwater Treatment Structures

Description:

Maynard will implement inspection and maintenance procedures of stormwater treatment units such as water quality swales, detention basins, infiltration structures, and proprietary treatment devices. These procedures are included in the written MS4 O&M Plan (BMP 6-3). Maynard will inspect all Town-owned stormwater treatment units (excluding catch basins) annually at a minimum.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

Report on compliance with inspection and maintenance of treatment structures per established schedule

BMP 6-9: Nutrient Source Identification Report

Description:

Maynard will develop a Nutrient Source Identification Report for the entire Town, which drains to the phosphorus-impaired Merrimack River via the Assabet River. Maynard will develop the Report within four years of the permit effective date (by June 30, 2022), and will submit the Report as part of the Year 4 Annual Report.

The Nutrient Source Identification Report due in Year 4 will include the following elements, outlined in the MS4 Permit's Appendix H, Part II.1.b.i:

- 1. Calculation of total MS4 area draining to the water quality limited water segments or their tributaries, incorporating updated mapping of the MS4 and catchment delineations produced pursuant to the MS4 Permit part 2.3.4.6
- 2. All screening and monitoring results pursuant to the MS4 Permit's part 2.3.4.7.d., targeting the receiving water segment(s)
- 3. Impervious area and directly connected impervious area (DCIA) for the target catchment
- 4. Identification, delineation and prioritization of potential catchments with high nutrient loading
- 5. Identification of potential retrofit opportunities or opportunities for the installation of structural BMPs during redevelopment

In Year 5, Maynard will expand on the Nutrient Source Identification Report to include the following elements:

- 1. Evaluation of all permittee-owned properties identified as presenting retrofit opportunities or areas for structural BMP installation under the MS4 Permit part 2.3.6.d. or identified in the Phosphorus Source Identification Report that are within the drainage area of the water quality limited water or its tributaries. The evaluation shall include:
 - The next planned infrastructure, resurfacing or redevelopment activity planned for the property (if applicable) OR planned retrofit date;
 - The estimated cost of redevelopment or retrofit BMPs; and
 - The engineering and regulatory feasibility of redevelopment or retrofit BMPs.
- 2. The permittee shall provide a listing of planned structural BMPs and a plan and schedule for implementation in the year 5 annual report. The permittee shall plan and install a minimum of one structural BMP as a demonstration project within the drainage area of the water quality limited water or its tributaries within six years of the permit effective date. The demonstration project shall be installed targeting a catchment with high phosphorus load potential. The permittee shall install the remainder of the structural BMPs in accordance with the plan and schedule provided in the year 5 annual report.
- 3. Any structural BMPs installed in the regulated area by the permittee or its agents shall be tracked and the permittee shall estimate the phosphorus removal by the BMP consistent with Attachment 3 to Appendix F. The permittee shall document the BMP type, total area treated by the BMP, the design storage volume of the BMP and the estimated phosphorus removed in mass per year by the BMP in each annual report.

Responsible Department/Parties:

Public Works

Measurable Goal(s):

- Complete Nutrient Source Identification Report within four years of permit effective date (June 30, 2022)
- > Complete additional requirements within five years of permit effective date (June 30, 2023)

TMDLs and Water Quality Limited Waters

The MS4 Permit at Part 2.2 describes additional requirements for MS4s that discharge to waters that are subject to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and/or that discharge to certain water quality limited waters. Specific requirements are detailed in the MS4 Permit Appendix F (for TMDLs) and Appendix H (for impaired waters).

This section identifies Maynard's receiving waterbodies that are impaired or are subject to TMDLs. This section also describes the BMPs that Maynard will implement to meet the MS4 Permit requirements at Part 2.2 and Appendices F and H.

Bacteria/Pathogens

Applicable Waterbodies

The following receiving waters are water quality limited due to bacteria or pathogens. Discharges to these waterbodies are subject to the provisions of MS4 Permit Appendix H Part III.

Receiving Waterbody	Segment ID
Assabet River	MA82B-05

Enhanced BMPs

The following table summarizes the Enhanced BMPs, as described in the SWMP above, that Maynard will implement to meet Appendix H requirements for discharge to bacteria/pathogen impaired waterbodies.

Requirements	Enhanced BMPs
Supplement public education program with an annual message encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing bylaws where appropriate.	BMP 1-9: Summer Message about Dog Waste Management
Disseminate educational materials to dog owners at the time of issuance or renewal of a dog license, or other appropriate time. Education materials shall describe the detrimental impacts of improper management of pet waste, requirements for waste collection and disposal, and penalties for non-compliance.	BMP 1-7: Dog Owner Education
Provide information to owners of septic systems about proper maintenance in any catchment that discharges to a water body impaired for bacteria or pathogens.	BMP 1-6: Septic System Maintenance Fact Sheet
Designate catchments draining to any waterbody impaired for bacteria/pathogens as either Problem Catchments or High Priority in implementation of the IDDE Program.	BMP 3-2: Written IDDE Program

Assabet River Phosphorus TMDL

Applicable Waterbodies

The following receiving waters are covered under the Assabet River phosphorus TMDL. EPA approved the *Assabet River Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Phosphorus* on September 23, 2004. Discharges to these waterbodies are subject to the provisions of MS4 Permit Appendix F at Part B.II.

Applicable Receiving Waterbody	Segment ID	TMDL Name
Assabet River	MA82B-05	Assabet River Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Phosphorus
Assabet River	MA82B-06	Assabet River Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Phosphorus

Enhanced BMPs

The following table summarizes the Enhanced BMPs, as described in the SWMP above, that Maynard will implement to meet Appendix F requirements for Assabet River TMDL.

Requirements	Enhanced BMPs
Distribute an annual message in the spring (April/May) that encourages the proper use and disposal of grass clippings and encourages the proper use of slow-release and phosphorus-free fertilizers.	BMP 1-8: Spring Message about Grass Clippings and Fertilizer
Distribute an annual message in the summer (June/July) encouraging the proper management of pet waste, including noting any existing ordinances where appropriate.	BMP 1-9: Summer Message about Dog Waste Management
Distribute an annual message in the fall (August/September/October) encouraging the proper disposal of leaf litter.	BMP 1-10: Fall Message about Leaf Litter
For post-development stormwater management, include a requirement that new development and redevelopment stormwater management BMPs be optimized for phosphorus removal.	 BMP 5-1: Post-Construction Stormwater Management Bylaw The updated Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations include a requirement that new development and redevelopment stormwater management BMPs must be optimized for phosphorus removal.
For retrofit inventory and priority ranking, include consideration of BMPs to reduce phosphorus discharges.	BMP 5-3: Target Properties to Reduce Impervious Areas Maynard will prioritize properties with significant impervious cover that fall within areas discharging to waterbodies with phosphorus impairments and will optimize selected retrofits to remove phosphorus, as applicable.
Establish procedures to properly manage grass cuttings and leaf litter on permittee property, including prohibiting blowing organic waste materials onto adjacent impervious surfaces.	 BMP 6-2: Written O&M Procedures The O&M Plan details procedures for grass cutting and leaf litter management to reduce phosphorus loading to impaired waterbodies.
Increase street sweeping frequency of all municipal owned streets and parking lots subject to Permit part 2.3.7.a.iii.(c) to a minimum of two times per year (spring and fall).	BMP 6-6: Street and Parking Lot Sweeping Maynard will sweep all Town-owned streets and parking lots a minimum of twice per year (fall and spring).
Write report to identify and take advantage of opportunities for mitigating high phosphorus loading.	BMP 6-9: Nutrient Source Identification Report

Annual Evaluation

This section will be updated annually as annual reports are completed.

Year 1 Annual Report

Document Name and/or Web Address:

https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma/reports/2019/maynard-ma-ar19.pdf

Year 2 Annual Report

Document Name and/or Web Address:

https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/ma/reports/2020/maynard-ma-ar20.pdf

Year 3 Annual Report

Document Name and/or Web Address:

Year 4 Annual Report

Document Name and/or Web Address:

Year 5 Annual Report

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March 27, 2019

MEMO TO FILE

Re: Documentation for delegation of "Authorized Representative" for NPDES 2016
Massachusetts Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit

This document serves to affirm that Gregory W. Johnson has responsibility for the operation of the MS4 and is hereby designated as an authorized person for signing all reports including but not limited to the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs), inspection reports, annual reports, monitoring reports, reports on training, and other information required by the General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in Massachusetts for Town of Maynard. This authorization cannot be used for signing a NPDES permit application (e.g., Notice of Intent (NOI)) in accordance with 40 CFR 122.22).

By signing this authorization, I confirm that I meet the following requirements to make such a designation as set forth in Part B.11 of Appendix B of the Small MS4 General Permit:

For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

[SIGNATORY per Part B.11 of Appendix B]

Signature

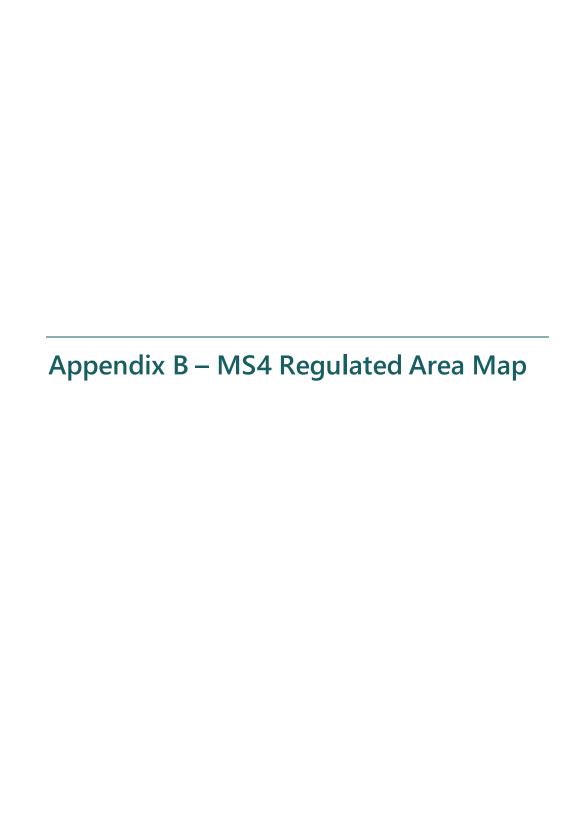
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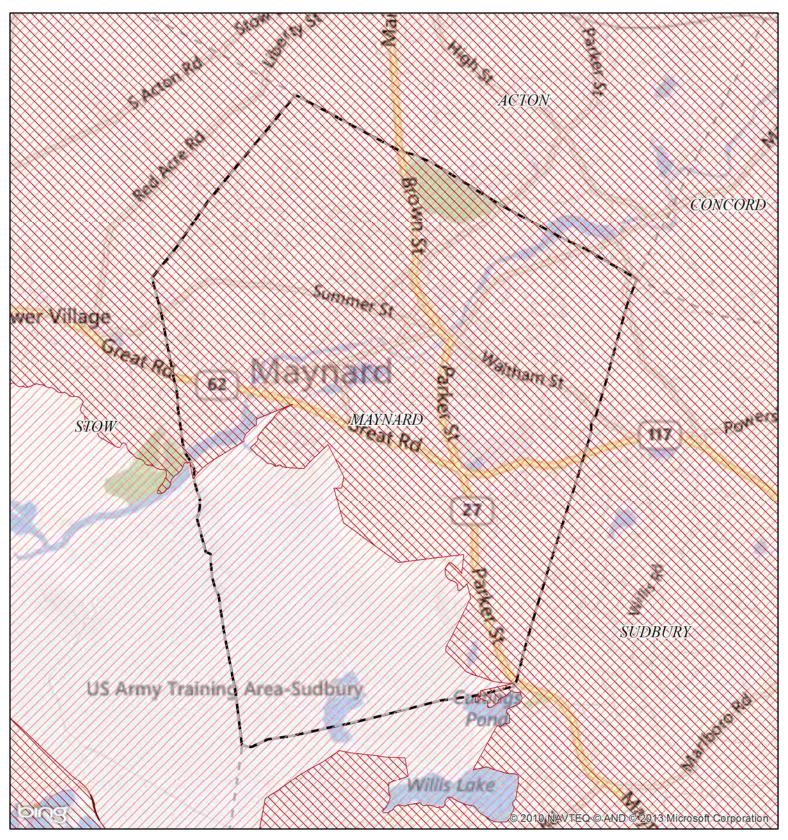
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Title

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Date







NPDES Phase II Stormwater Program Automatically Designated MS4 Areas

Maynard MA

Regulated Area:

UA Based on 2000 Census 2010 Census

1 2 Kilometers

1 Miles

Town Population: 10108
Regulated Population: 10108

(Populations estimated from 2010 Census)



Urbanized Areas, Town Boundaries: US Census (2000, 2010) Base map © 2013 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers

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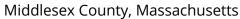
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to as *trust resources*) under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project area referenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project area, but that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project area. However, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project area. Please read the introduction to each section that follows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additional information applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

Location





Local office

New England Ecological Services Field Office

(603) 223-2541

(603) 223-0104

70 Commercial Street, Suite 300 Concord, NH 03301-5094

http://www.fws.gov/newengland

Endangered species

This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered. An AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population, even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project area. To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can **only** be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

- 1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
- 2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
- 3. Log in (if directed to do so).
- 4. Provide a name and description for your project.
- 5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

Listed species¹ and their critical habitats are managed by the <u>Ecological Services Program</u> of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries²).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact <u>NOAA Fisheries</u> for <u>species under their jurisdiction</u>.

- 1. Species listed under the <u>Endangered Species Act</u> are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the <u>listing status page</u> for more information.
- 2. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

Mammals

NAME STATUS

Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis No critical habitat has been designated for this species. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045 **Threatened**

Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS AT THIS LOCATION.

Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act^{1} and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act^{2} .

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described <u>below</u>.

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds
 <u>http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php</u>
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationwidestandardconservationmeasures.pdf

The birds listed below are birds of particular concern either because they occur on the <u>USFWS Birds of Conservation Concern</u> (BCC) list or warrant special attention in your project location. To learn more about the levels of concern for birds on your list and how this list is generated, see the FAQ <u>below</u>. This is not a list of every bird you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that every bird on this list will be found in your project area. To see exact locations of where birders and the general public have sighted birds in and around your project area, visit the <u>E-bird data mapping tool</u> (Tip: enter your location, desired date range and a species on your list). For projects that occur off the Atlantic Coast, additional maps and models detailing the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species on your list are available. Links to additional information about Atlantic Coast birds, and other important information about your migratory bird list, including how to properly interpret and use your migratory bird report, can be found <u>below</u>.

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For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, click on the PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY at the top of your list to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME

BREEDING SEASON (IF A
BREEDING SEASON IS INDICATED
FOR A BIRD ON YOUR LIST, THE
BIRD MAY BREED IN YOUR
PROJECT AREA SOMETIME WITHIN
THE TIMEFRAME SPECIFIED,
WHICH IS A VERY LIBERAL
ESTIMATE OF THE DATES INSIDE
WHICH THE BIRD BREEDS
ACROSS ITS ENTIRE RANGE.
"BREEDS ELSEWHERE" INDICATES
THAT THE BIRD DOES NOT LIKELY
BREED IN YOUR PROJECT AREA.)

Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus

This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626

Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9399

Bobolink Dolichonyx oryzivorus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper Calidris subruficollis

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9488

Canada Warbler Cardellina canadensis

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2974

Breeds Oct 15 to Aug 31

Breeds May 15 to Oct 10

Breeds May 20 to Jul 31

Breeds elsewhere

Breeds May 20 to Aug 10

Breeds Apr 29 to Jul 20

Dunlin Calidris alpina arcticola

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

Breeds elsewhere

Eastern Whip-poor-will Antrostomus vociferus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 1 to Aug 20

Evening Grosbeak Coccothraustes vespertinus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds elsewhere

Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos

This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.

Breeds elsewhere

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1680

Kentucky Warbler Oporornis formosus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds Apr 20 to Aug 20

King Rail Rallus elegans

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8936

Breeds May 1 to Sep 5

Lesser Yellowlegs Tringa flavipes

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679

Breeds elsewhere

Nelson's Sparrow Ammodramus nelsoni

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 15 to Sep 5

Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 1 to Jul 31

Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds Apr 1 to Jul 31

Red-headed Woodpecker Melanerpes erythrocephalus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 10 to Sep 10

Red-throated Loon Gavia stellata

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This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds elsewhere

Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres morinella

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA

Breeds elsewhere

Rusty Blackbird Euphagus carolinus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds elsewhere

Semipalmated Sandpiper Calidris pusilla

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds elsewhere

Short-billed Dowitcher Limnodromus griseus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9480

Breeds elsewhere

Snowy Owl Bubo scandiacus

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds elsewhere

Willet Tringa semipalmata

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds Apr 20 to Aug 5

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina

This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA and Alaska.

Breeds May 10 to Aug 31

Probability of Presence Summary

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read and understand the FAQ "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

Probability of Presence (■)

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. (A year is represented as 12 4-week months.) A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort (see below) can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score. One can have higher confidence in the presence score if the corresponding survey effort is also high.

How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:

- 1. The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.
- 2. To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is 0.25/0.25 = 1; at week 20 it is 0.05/0.25 = 0.2.
- 3. The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

To see a bar's probability of presence score, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

Breeding Season (=)

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

Survey Effort (1)

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps. The number of surveys is expressed as a range, for example, 33 to 64 surveys.

To see a bar's survey effort range, simply hover your mouse cursor over the bar.

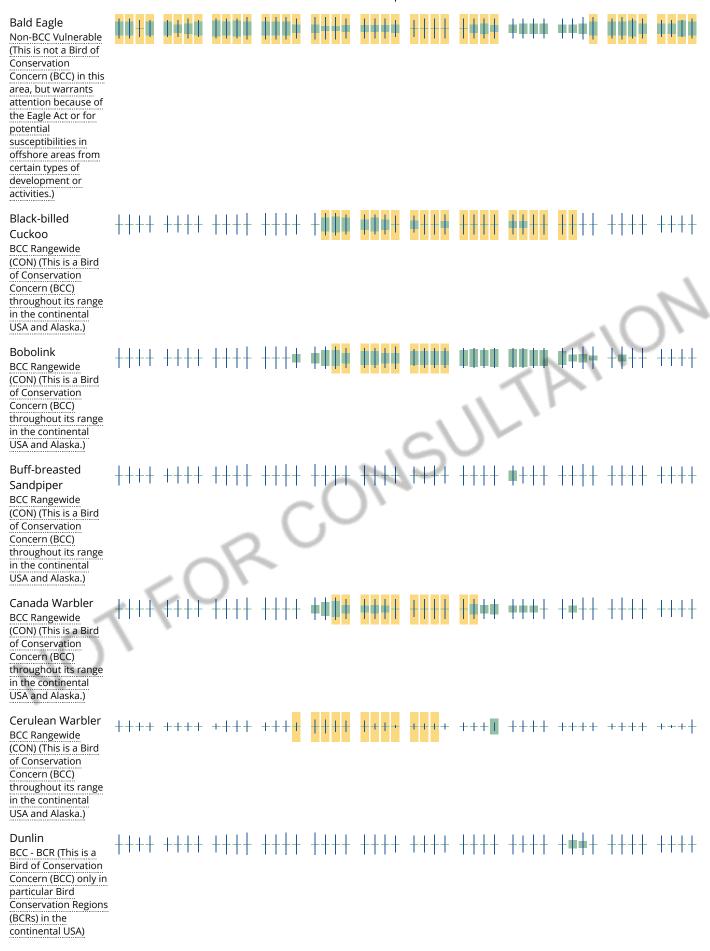
No Data (-)

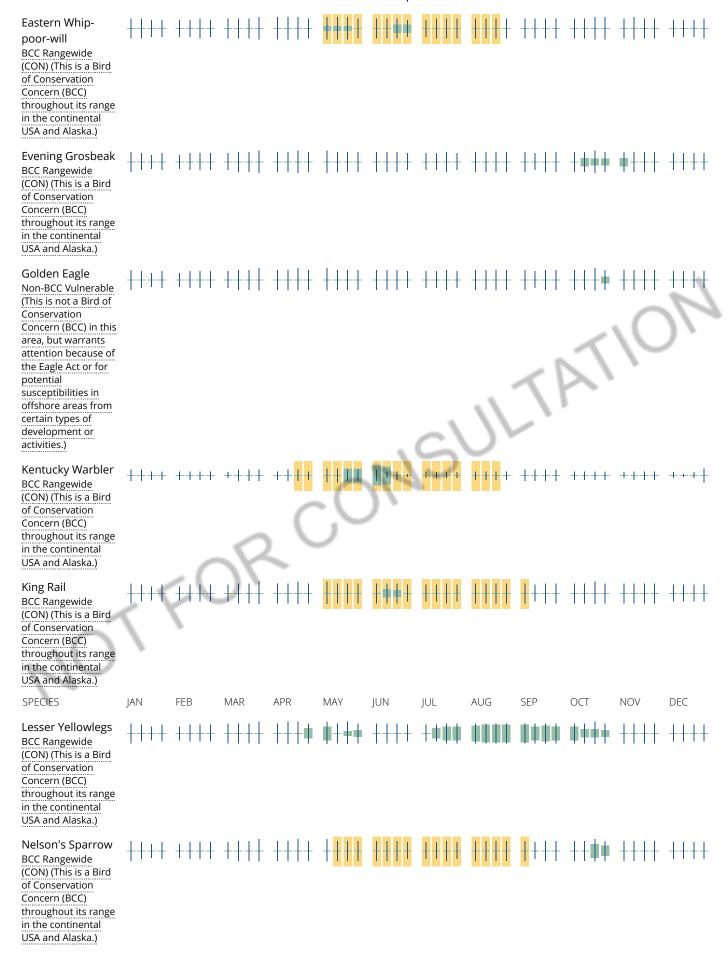
A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

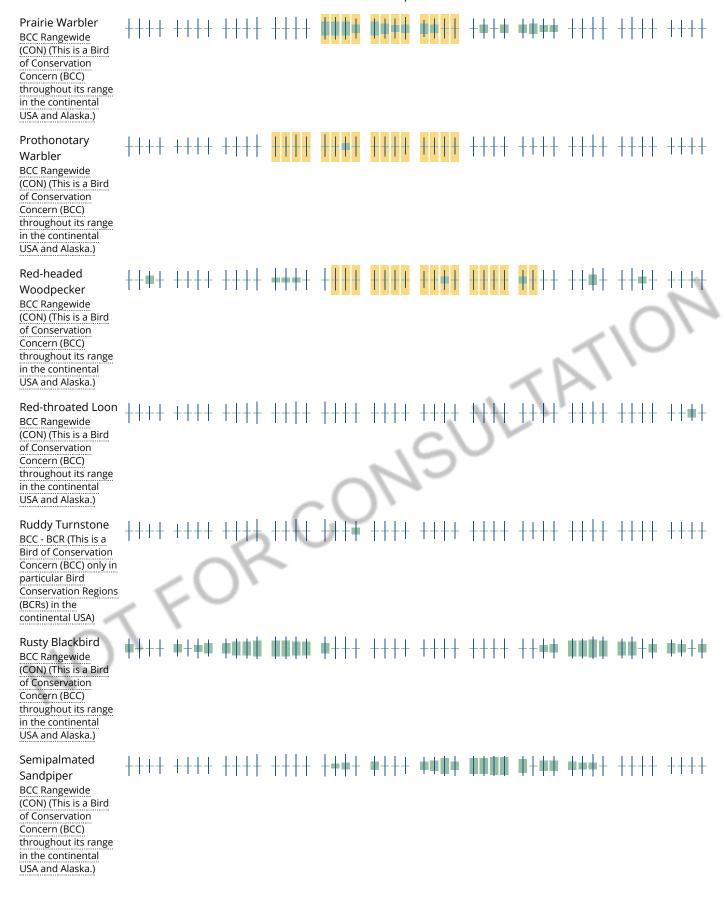
Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.











Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

Nationwide Conservation Measures describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. Additional measures and/or permits may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS <u>Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC)</u> and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)</u>. The AKN data is based on a growing collection of <u>survey</u>, <u>banding</u>, <u>and citizen science datasets</u> and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, an eagle (<u>Eagle Act</u> requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the AKN Phenology Tool.

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What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)</u>. This data is derived from a growing collection of <u>survey</u>, <u>banding</u>, <u>and citizen science datasets</u>.

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources: The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide, or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds guide. If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

- 1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are <u>Birds of Conservation Concern</u> (BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);
- 2. "BCC BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
- 3. "Non-BCC Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the <u>Eagle Act</u> requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the Northeast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the <u>Diving Bird Study</u> and the <u>nanotag studies</u> or contact <u>Caleb Spiegel</u> or <u>Pam Loring</u>.

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to <u>obtain a permit</u> to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Facilities

National Wildlife Refuge lands

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

This location overlaps the following National Wildlife Refuge lands:

LAND	ACRES
Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge	2,229.83 acres

(978) 443-4661

(978) 443-2898

680 Hudson Road Sudbury, MA 01776-1971

https://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=53513

Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

This location overlaps the following wetlands:

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FORCONSULTATIO
FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND
  PEM1Ed
  PEM1E
  PEM1/5E
  PEM1Eh
  PEM1F
  PEM1C
FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLAND
  PFO1E
  PFO1Ed
  PSS1E
  PFO1/4E
  PFO4E
  PSS1/3Ba
  PSS1Ed
  PSS<sub>1</sub>C
  PFO1B
  PFO1C
FRESHWATER POND
  PUBHx
  PUBHh
  PUBH
LAKE
  L1UBH
RIVERINE
  R2UBH
  R2UBHx
  R4SBCx
  R4SBC
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A full description for each wetland code can be found at the National Wetlands Inventory website

R5UBH

Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.